4704 plots at Rohni were allotted on 5.10.89 and 5740 on 27.3.91. Electricity and basic amenities have been provided now in all these plots and such allottees can now go ahead with the construction on the plot after getting their building plan sanctioned from the DDA.

Flats were allotted on the basis of target dates given by Delhi Vidhut Board (DVB) for providing electricity. Sometimes the target dates could not be adhered to by the D.V.B. due to shortage of power, non-clearance of line routes, contractual and temporary material shortage problem, etc. Regular coordination meetings are held by DDA at various levels with all concerned agencies for provision of basic amenities in these flats, (c) According to the schedule given by the Delhi Vidyut Board to DDA the following target date/time has been given for providing electricity in the said colonies.

Rohini	—	January, 1988
Dwarka	—	October, 1997

No target dates for provision of electricity in Narela and Kondli Gharoli has been given by the Delhi Vidyut Board as yet.

Central Government Employees Hostels in Metropolitan Cities

295. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government Employee's Hostels functioning in the country especially in the Metropolitan cities, where Central Government officers are located and their respective addresses;

(b) whether these Hostels are working under the administrative control of the Directorate of Estates;

(c) whether all the Hostels are provided with catering services, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any of such Hostels, with special reference to that of Calcutta, is virtually functioning under CPWD, instead of the Directorate of Estates and is running without catering service for the last one year, creating problems for officers occupying the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) A list of touring officers' hostels available in the Metropolitan cities along with their addresses is placed at Statement (See below).

(b) The touring Officers' Hostels at Delhi, Bombay and Madras are functioning under the control of the Directorate of Estates. The Guest House at Nizam Palace, Calcutta and Bangalore are functioning under the control of the CPWD.

(c) The provision of catering facility is available only in Curzon Road Hostel, Delhi and Nizam Palace, Calcutta. At other stations, as the number of suites are very small, it has not been considered administratively advisable to maintain independent catering services.

(d) The Nizam Palace, Hostel is functioning under the control of the CPWD since November, 1990. The catering contract for this Hostel has since expired in. December, 1996 and the action to award fresh contract by inviting tenders is being taken.

Statement

List of touring officers' hostels available in the Metropolitan cities alongwith their addresses.

Name of the Hostel	No. of suites	Addresses
i. Delhi	39	F-Block, Curzon Road Apartments, New Dcll.i.

Name of the Hostel	No. of suites	Addresses
2. Bombay	10 (Church Gate) 17 (Nappean Sea Road)	101, M.R. Road, Pratishtha Bhavan, Bombay-400020.
3. Calcutta	52	234/4, Acharyo J.C. Bose Road, Calcutta-700020.
4. Madras	10	26-Haddows Road, 1st floor, Shastry Bhavan, Madras-600006
5. Bangalore	5	Touring Officers' Guest House, Domlur, Bangalore.

Suggestions from States regarding Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976

296. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 705 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether Government have since received suggestions from the States regarding amendments to the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976;

(b) if not, the details of the defaulting State Governments; and

(c) the details of follow-up action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Those State Governments, where the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976 is applicable, were requested in September, 1996 to give their suggestions for amending the Act. The Govt, has since received suggestions regarding amendments to the Act from the State Governments of Karnataka, West Bengal, Rajasthan and Union "territories or Chandigarh and Pondicherry.

An Inter-Governmental Committee was constituted in December, 1996 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (UD) with a view to suggest amendments to the Act. The representatives of a few selected States namely Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka and Delhi and concerned Dcpartments/Agen-cies of the Central Government were represented on this Committee and their suggestions have been considered by the Committee. The Inter-Governmental Committee has submitted its report in April, 1997, suggesting amendments to various provisions of the Act.

(b) The State Governments of Assam, Bihar, Orissa, and Punjab have not forwarded their suggestions, so far.

(c) The recommendations made by the Inter-Governmental Committee and the suggestions received from State Government for making amendments to the Act are under consideration of the Government.

Scarcity of Water in Ashok Vihar

297. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: